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Praises Work of CIA

Sen. Young Tells
Of Cloak, Dagger
Mission AbroadBy STAN CANN
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"If the whole story of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) could be told, Americans would be proud of the job being done overseas by highly capable, dedicated people with long service in the CIA and other intelligence agencies," Sen. Milton R. Young, R-N.D., said Wednesday in Fargo.



Young

But the story never will be told in full, because the CIA's business is espionage and even the smallest detail must of necessity be cloaked in highest secrecy.

Sen. Young took an authorized look behind this veil of in-

ternational intrigue during a five-week tour around the world that took him to 16 countries. He returned to Washington Friday and to North Dakota Wednesday to await the start of Congress early in January.

In 14 of the 16 countries he held clandestine meetings with American agents who had been instructed by John A. McCone, chief of the CIA, to brief him on their activities.

When he returns to Washington, Sen. Young will make an oral report to a special Senate committee.

And there, the story of his cloak and dagger mission will end. It will not appear in any congressional report and the decisions reached by the committee as a result of Young's report will be buried deep and anonymously in appropriations for various agencies.

There are only six senators, including Young, and a like number of representatives, on the special committees charged with keeping an eye on espionage and other CIA activities.

The CIA work is so secret its budgets are hidden by Congress in appropriations for other agencies and few congressmen know how much it receives and what it does with the money.

The Senate committee includes Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., chairman; Carl Hayden, D-Ariz.; Harry F. Byrd, D-Va.; John Stennis, D-Miss.; Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass., and Young.

Sen. Russell asked Young to make the field checkup of the problems blocking this goal. CIA to up-date the committee's knowledge and the North Dakota was the only member of Congress on the trip.

He was furnished top-level advisers including Bill Woodruff, and Buddhists. The pre-Communist monks may prevent any effective leadership from coming into being.

Sen. Young does not believe that a proposal to bomb Viet Cong supply lines would be effective.

"The situation is different from Korea. In Viet Nam, the war is being waged by guerrillas who live off the land and who could carry on the offensive for

years even if their supply lines were cut off. They are armed with weapons left by the French, and by those captured or stolen from the Viet Nam and U. S. forces. They obtain food and clothing from the villages."

Some other impressions brought back by Young:

"Every place in the world, United States military forces are ready to fight almost immediately. The troops are well trained and well equipped."

The once-gay, hard working people of Hungary are dispirited and listless under the Communist yoke. Thousands of farmers have moved into Budapest and the Red army has to round them up to sow the fields and harvest the crops.

"I was in Budapest a year before the revolution and even then the spirit of revolt was discernible. Now the discouraged Hungarians apparently are resigned to their fate."

The Communists watch closely to see who visits Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Roman Catholic primate of Hungary, and our officials in Budapest keep him well segregated from outsider visitors.

"I asked to see him. Our legation didn't refuse, but they deemed it 'inadvisable'."

The world is full of North Dakotans. At a missile site in Verona, Italy, Young met 15 soldiers from his home state and two others were in the field and missed the meeting.

In India, he met Gen. John Kelly of Bismarck; his military pilot from Taipei to Okinawa and was Capt. Gary Dick of Lisbon.

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Young called the war in South Viet Nam "one we are not winning, but one that isn't lost either by any means."

The major problem, he feels, is the lack of Vietnamese leadership.

Unless a leader whom the people will follow appears, it is a lost cause. There are two

One is that Viet Nam never has had a central government and corrupt leaders discourage such and in the former city his escort

unity. The other is the Communist

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In Saigon he heard words of praise about Bill DePuy of Grafton, who is a top aide to Gen. Maxwell Taylor, and accompanied the general on his recent reporting session with President Johnson.

And, in Tokyo, he met a fellow Washingtonian, Gen. Harold K. Johnson, chief of staff, formerly of Grafton.

One of the major tasks now being handled by the CIA is to follow the development of missiles by Red China to carry nuclear warheads.

The assignment: To determine the type, capability and when they will be ready.

"It's a mission that only the CIA can do. I wish it were possible to tell you it is being done."

On the domestic scene, Sen. Young agrees with Defense Secretary Robert McNamara in his decision to close some military bases, but he thinks the secretary may have gone too far with his proposal to abolish the Army Reserve program.

"I had hoped that he would wait until after the plan had been given congressional hearings."

As to base closings: "I think many of these should have been closed. We have too many that no longer serve a purpose justified by appropriations and overall readiness."